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(ii) Would deprive a person of a right to fair trial or an impartial adjudication;

(iii) Could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(iv) Could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution or an Enterprise regulated and examined by OFHEO that furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record of information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source;

(v) Would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; or

(vi) Could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.

(8) Any matter that is contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports that are prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of OFHEO.

(9) Any geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

(c) Even if an exemption described in paragraph (b) of this section may be reasonably applicable to a requested record, or portion thereof, OFHEO may elect under the circumstances of any particular request not to apply the exemption to such requested record, or portion thereof. The fact that the exemption is not applied by OFHEO to any requested record, or portion thereof, has no precedential significance as to the application or nonapplication of the exemption to any other requested record, or portion thereof, no matter when the request is received.

(d) Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person properly requesting such record after deletion of the portions

which are exempt under this subpart. The amount of the information deleted shall be indicated on the released portion of the record, unless including that indication would harm an interest protected by the exemption in paragraph (b) of this section pursuant to which the deletion is made. If technically feasible, the amount of the information deleted shall be indicated at the place in the record where the deletion is made.

(e) This section does not authorize withholding of information or limit the availability of records to the public, except as specifically stated in this section. This section is not authority to withhold information from Congress.

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§ 1703.12 Publicly available records.

(a) The records described in this paragraph are available for public inspection and copying, for a fee determined in accordance with subpart D of this part, at OFHEO's offices located at 1700 G Street, NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20552. Records created on or after November 1, 1996, and current indexes to all records described in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) of this section, including those created before November 1, 1996, are available electronically at <http://www.ofheo.gov/docs/>. The publicly available records include—

(1) Any final opinions issued by OFHEO, as well as orders made in adjudication of cases as set forth in §1703.9 of subpart B of this part;

(2) Any statements of policy and interpretation that have been adopted by OFHEO and have not been published in the FEDERAL REGISTER;

(3) Any OFHEO administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public, and that are not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act;

(4) Copies of all records released pursuant to this subpart that OFHEO determines have become or are likely to become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records; and

(5) Current indexes to the records described in this paragraph.

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(b) To the extent necessary to prevent an invasion of personal privacy, the Director may delete identifying details from a record described in paragraph (a) of this section. In each case of such deletion, the justification will be clearly explained in writing and the extent of such deletion indicated (at the place in the record where the deletion is made if technically feasible), unless including that indication would harm an interest protected by the exemption in §1703.11(b) pursuant to which the deletion is made.

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§ 1703.13 Requests for records.

(a) *Addressing requests.* Requests for records in the possession of OFHEO shall be made in writing but may be submitted by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile. If the request is sent by regular mail, the request shall be addressed to FOIA Officer, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20552, with both the envelope and the letter marked “FOIA Request.” Electronic mail requests shall be addressed to *foia—office@ofheo.gov*, with “FOIA Request” in the subject line. Requests submitted by fax shall be sent to FOIA Officer at (202) 414-8917 and shall be clearly marked “FOIA Request.” All requests shall include the requester’s name, address, and telephone number. An improperly addressed request will be deemed not to have been received for purposes of the 20-day time period set forth in §1703.17(a) of this subpart until it is received, or would have been received with the exercise of due diligence, by the FOIA Officer. Records requested in conformance with this subpart that are not exempt records may be obtained in person, by regular mail, or by electronic mail, as specified in the request, provided the records are readily reproducible in the requested form or format with reasonable effort. Records to be obtained in person will be available for inspection or copying during business hours on a regular business day in the office of OFHEO.

(b) *Description of records.* Each request must reasonably describe the desired records in sufficient detail to en-

able OFHEO personnel to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. A request for a specific category of records will be regarded as fulfilling this requirement if it enables responsive records to be identified by a technique or process that is not unreasonably burdensome or disruptive of OFHEO operations.

(1) Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter of the record.

(2) If the FOIA Officer determines that a request does not reasonably describe the records sought, he or she will either advise the requester what additional information is needed to locate the record or otherwise state why the request is insufficient. The FOIA Officer will also extend to the requester an opportunity to confer with OFHEO personnel with the objective of reformulating the request in a manner which will meet the requirements of this section.

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§ 1703.14 Responses to requests.

(a) *Response to initial request.* The FOIA Officer of OFHEO is authorized to grant or deny any request for a record and to determine appropriate fees.

(b) *Referral to another agency.* When a requester seeks records that originated in another Federal Government agency, OFHEO will refer the request to the other agency for response. If OFHEO refers the request to another agency, it will notify the requester of the referral. A request for any records classified by some other agency will be referred to that agency for response.

(c) *Creating records.* If a person seeks information from OFHEO in a format that does not currently exist, OFHEO will make reasonable efforts to provide the information in the format requested. OFHEO is not required to create a new record of information to satisfy a request.

(d) *No responsive record.* If no records are responsive to the request, the FOIA